



JOHN & HAZEL SOUTHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

John and Hazel Southam were born in Mohall, North Dakota, but eventually moved to Coos Bay, where they had careers and raised a family. Hazel taught at Hillcrest Elementary in North Bend from 1950 to 1977. Until 2008, she had remained very active in the community at the Methodist church in Coos Bay, volunteering in various community organizations and socializing with friends and relatives.

She attended Jamestown College in North Dakota and graduated as a Duck from the University of Oregon. On June 24, 1939, she married John Southam in Mohall and they moved to Eugene in 1945. In 1950, they moved to Coos Bay, where they raised their two sons, Jim and Dean.

Hazel had been as active member of the Methodist church in Coos Bay for almost 60 years. Along with her husband, John, she worked on the physical construction of the church's current building. Over the years she had served the church in several leadership capacities. Other community activities included volunteering at the Coos Art Museum and the Coos Bay Public Library. She was a member of the PEO and Delta Kappa Gamma.

The Southam's believed strongly, in the importance of education and their family established the John & Hazel Southam Memorial Scholarship as a tribute to their dedication and contributions to the community.